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1. There was an airfield near SANDAR (44°47'E/41°29'N), about 16 miles south of TBILES I, Georgian SSR. A railroad spur track was under construction.
2. Soviet Air Force troops were quartered in cantonment buildings. SANDAR was heavily occupied.
3. About 40 twin-engine bombers were stationed at the field.*
4. There was intensive formation flying and firing at towed sleeve targets.

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Comment:

a. These observations, made in November 1946, confirm more recent information on the location of and construction work at the SANDAR airfield.

- * b. The reported occupation by 40 twin-engine bombers (about one bomber regiment) disagrees with another observation made at the same time, according to which only a small pilot school for beginners was located there. This report, however, agrees with information of February 1948, according to which the airfield was occupied by twin-engine aircraft, similar to the He-111 (Soviet IL-4 type?).

c. More recent reports are required to ascertain the occupation of the airfield.

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